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Dear Mr. Eisner,

Next spring when all of Indiana begins observing Daylight Saving Time, it is crucial that at least the 82 counties currently in the Eastern time zone switch to Eastern Daylight Saving Time (DST).

The reasons for "eastern" over "central" are very clear. Eastern DST provides the opportunity for business gains, increased safety, energy savings and an enhanced quality of life. Moving to the Central time zone eliminates those benefits and runs the risk of additional traffic fatalities, crimes and energy usage.

Cottongim Enterprises, Inc. firmly requests that no more counties are moved to the Central time zone than the number (10) that currently exists.

Cottongim Enterprises, Inc. recognizes that the five counties in Northwest Indiana should stay on Central DST. Furthermore, we believe that the five counties in Southwest Indiana currently on Central DST should be allowed to choose the time zone they wish to follow. However, the Cottongim Enterprises, Inc. also believes that it is imperative to align the markets of Southwest Indiana with those of the majority of the rest of the state, including Indianapolis and nearby Louisville, Kentucky.

What time Indiana observes was already decided by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) in the 1960s when the division of the state between the Eastern and Central time zones was made. Therefore, Cottongim Enterprises, Inc. requests the federal DOT to move most of the state – at least the 82 counties in the Eastern time zone – to Eastern DST.

Cottongim Enterprises, Inc. respectfully requests your diligence in this matter and to **not** act to supersede this federally-adopted regulation in a manner that would reduce the overall number of counties that observe Eastern time in Indiana.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated as any ultimate decision will have a direct reflection on the future economic growth of Indiana.

Sincerely,

